

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently Amended) Method for tying together objects, ~~in particular for fixing at least one of which is a bone part, bone parts by using~~ a surgical cable comprising the steps of laying the surgical cable made of a polymer fiber, having two end parts, around at least part of the objects to be tied together, ~~in particular the bone parts to be fixed, urging the objects together by exerting a force on the two end parts bringing the cable under a tension required for tying together fixing the objects, in particular for the fixing of the bone parts~~ and locking the tensioned cable against the influence of forces acting counter to the exerted force.
2. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber is a high performance high molecular weight polyethylene fiber.
3. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the exerted force is a torsion force.
4. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable is twisted yarn having an eye at least at one of the end parts.
5. (Original) Method according to claim 4 wherein the cable has an eye at both ends.
6. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 4 wherein the ~~torsion~~ force is exerted on the cable through the eye or the eyes.
7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5 wherein ~~the~~ a torsion force is exerted on a twisting device running through the eyes.
8. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the fiber

cable is a loop of fibers that has been closed by a splice, ~~preferably an air splice,~~
which is folded around the bone parts forming two returning ends in the cable as end
parts.

9. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 8 wherein ~~the~~ a torsion
force is exerted on the cable through the returning ends.

10. (Original) Method according to claim 9, wherein the torsion force is
exerted on a twisting device running through the returning ends.

11. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable is
bundle of fibers ~~fiber bundle~~ of finite length.

12. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 8 11, wherein the two
end parts are connected with a knot.

13. (Original) Method according claim 12, wherein a torsion force is exerted
on the cable below the knot.

14. (Original) Closed loop of high performance polyethylene fibers for use as a
bone-fixing tool.

15. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the method concerns
fixing at least two bone parts.

16. (New) Method according to claim 8, wherein the splice comprises an
air splice.

17. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the exerted force
comprises a drawing force and a twisting force.

18. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the cable comprises a flat
braid of high performance fibers.

19. (New) Method of fixing bone parts comprising:
placing a cable around the bone parts;
inducing a tension in the cable sufficient to urge the bone parts together;
maintaining a tension in the cable sufficient to hold the bone parts together.
20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein inducing a tension comprises
applying a twisting force.